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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Cover Officer

5 November 1957

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director  
: Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Air Weather Service Proposal to Conduct U-2 Data  
Missions as Contributions to the International  
Geophysical Year Program

REFERENCE : Memorandum for Project Director, dated 4 November  
1957, same subject (SAPC-20859)

1. My own reaction is to agree with your personal view that we should cooperate with AWS by running a few weather missions to provide data which would be exchanged with other governments participating in the IGY. I share your feeling that this will strengthen our cover story and will give an opportunity to call specifically to the attention of the Russians the valid mission of the U-2 aircraft employed in the NACA/AWS program.

2. Unless dissent is expressed by others, I suggest that you discuss this matter with Dr. Dryden or Mr. Bonney to ascertain their views. Also, we should consider what operational problems might be involved in running the proposed mission from Germany. This would presumably require a staging operation, which would involve a great deal of trouble unless it could be done in the very near future while Detachment A's base is still operational.

3. I would appreciate learning the results of these further explorations together with such details as the desired timing of the missions and your recommendation at your earliest convenience.

RMB:djm

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